

F.A.Q. Labeling Deposit Containers

Hawaii Beverage Container Deposit Program



1. What needs to be marked on the container?

Containers need to clearly indicate the word "Hawaii" or the letters "HI" along with the deposit value of 5 cents. The size of the lettering must be a minimum of 1/8 of an inch.

Examples: HI 5¢

HAWAII 5¢ Hawaii 5¢

CT, DE, HI, IA, ME, NY, OR, MA, VT, 5¢

2. By what date do containers need to be labeled?

Containers need to be labeled by January 1, 2005. Unlabeled containers shall not be sold after December 31, 2004.

3. Can containers be labeled now?

Containers may be labeled now. However, the deposit on each container shall be paid to the Hawaii State Department of Health and the cost of the deposit may not be passed on to the customer.

4. Is there an "early label" period to allow distributors to label containers and pass on the cost of the deposit?

Yes, starting November 1, 2004 the deposit cost on labeled containers can be passed on to the customer.

5. Is there an option for unlabeled containers still in inventory beginning January 1, 2005?

These containers may be sold if they are sold with a Department of Health approved deposit sticker. Stickers may be purchased from the Department of Health beginning November 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2004. The cost of each sticker will be the deposit value of 5 cents. If distributors or dealers do not use all of the stickers they purchased they may return them to the Department of Health by March 1, 2005 for a refund.

Labeling Requirements in Law

[§342G-112] Deposit beverage container requirements. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), every deposit beverage container sold in this State shall clearly indicate the refund value of the container and the word "Hawaii" or the letters "HI". The names or letters representing the names of other states with comparable deposit legislation may also be included in the indication of refund value. Other indications may be required as specified in rules.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to any type of refillable glass beverage container which has a brand name permanently marked on it and which has the equivalent of a refund value of at least 5 cents which is paid upon receipt of such container by a dealer or distributor.

Labeling Requirements in Draft Administrative Rules

§11-282-21 Deposit beverage container requirements.

(a) Every deposit beverage container sold or offered for sale in the State shall have the Hawaii refund value clearly indicated in accordance with section 342G-112, HRS. Additionally all deposit beverage containers shall have:

1. The refund value affixed on the top or side of the container in letters at least 1/8 inch in size; and
2. The refund value clearly, prominently, and indelibly marked on it by painting, printing, scratch embossing, raised letter embossing, or by securely affixed stickers.

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